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SUBJECT: PERON MEETS WITH BALBIN

1. PERON YESTERDAY MET WITH UCR LEADER RICARDO BALBIN IN THE UCR BLOCK OFFICES OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS. ORIGINAL INTENT HAD BEEN FOR PERON TO VISIT BALBIN IN HIS HOME IN LA PLATA (THUS RETURNING BALBIN'S CALL ON HIM LAST NOVEMBER). SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS, HOWEVER, MOVED BALBIN TO SUGGEST THE CONGRESS BUILDING AS AN ALTERNATIVE.

2. INTERVIEWED BY NEWSMEN FOLLOWING THE MEETING BALBIN SAID THAT THE TWO HAD MET PRIVATELY AND HAD DISCUSSED WAYS AND MEANS OF COOPERATION. BALBIN POINTED TO THE MEETING AS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT " A NEW ERA OF CONSENSUS POLITICS IS BEGINNING IN ARGENTINA."

3. AFTER THEIR DISCUSSIONS THE TWO LEADERS WERE FETED BY PERONIST AND UCR POLITICIANS AT A COCKTAIL PARTY IN THE NATIONAL CONGRESS BUILDING. THE ATMOSPHERE REPORTEDLY WAS

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EXTREMELY CORDIAL.

4. COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO SUCH PROBLEMS AS CONTROLLING
TERRORISM AND THE DIVISIONS IN HIS OWN MOVEMENT, ONE OF THE
MOST PRESSING ITEMS FACING PERON IS THAT OF MAINTAINING THE
COOPERATION OF THE OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES- ESPECIALLY THE
UCR (SEE BA 4292). PERON' S CALL ON BALBIN ONLY A FEW DAYS
AFTER HIS ARRIVAL INDICATES THAT HE INTENDS TO MOVE RAPIDLY
IN COMING TO GRIPS WITH THIS PROBLEM.
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